

Preservation Policy

Following is the preservation policy adopted by the Board of Directors of the Oregon-California Trails Association, Casper, Wyoming, August 14, 2001.

Whereas the mission of OCTA is the preservation and appreciation of the trans-Mississippi emigrant *trails*, and

Whereas those trails are continually and increasingly threatened by development activities, and

Whereas energy development and telecommunications activities pose a special threat to the emigrant trails.

OCTA hereby affirms its commitment to protect the emigrant trails. Furthermore, OCTA is committed to work with government agencies and private interest to seek solutions considering the interest of all involved parties. Where reasonable compromise is not attainable or established procedures are not followed, OCTA may take appropriate legal steps.

OCTA's expectation is that high potential sites and segments, as defined in the trails management plans, will be protected to the maximum degree possible. Mitigation shall include use of alternate sites away from the trails, careful routing of roads and pipelines, and minimization of visual impacts over the widest possible area. Development activities must include a plan for restoration of the site to its original state after activities cease.

Funds received in annual and special fund drives designated for preservation not expended in the year received are to be transferred to the Loomis Endowment Fund at the end of the OCTA fiscal year. (9/08)

For additional information, refer to the Preservation Committee Statement of Purpose.

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